UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN **SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case: 2:22-cr-20419

Hon. Stephen J. Murphy, III

Plaintiff,

Case No. MJ: Altman, Kimberly G.

Filed: 8/10/2022

INF USA V MARRELL (LH)

VS.

Violations:

Ct. 1: 18 U.S.C. § 1341

Ct. 2: 18 U.S.C. § 1343

Ct. 3: 18 U.S.C. § 3147(1)

D-1 Sameerah Marrell, aka "Sameerah Anderson," aka "Sameerah Pickette," aka "Crème," aka "Loren Boyd,"

Defendant.

Offenses:

Ct. 1: Mail Fraud Ct. 2: Wire Fraud

Ct. 3: Bond Offense

INFORMATION

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE D-1 Sameerah Marrell (18 U.S.C. § 1341: Mail Fraud)

Beginning about March 27, 2014 and continuing through at least April 27, 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere, D-1 Sameerah Marrell, aka "Sameerah Anderson," aka "Sameerah Pickette," aka "Crème," aka "Loren Boyd" [MARRELL], defendant, did, having devised a scheme to defraud and to obtain money from the United States Department of

Treasury and various state government treasuries by means of material false and fraudulent pretenses and representations, and for the purpose of executing that scheme, knowingly cause items to be delivered by the United States Postal service according to the directions thereon, and cause the transmission of writings, signs and signals by means of wire and radio transmission in interstate commerce;

- 2. The object of the scheme to defraud and to obtain money by material false and fraudulent pretenses and representations was to obtain money from the United States Department of Treasury and from various state governments by submitting false and fraudulent tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service [I.R.S.] and to various state tax departments, claiming tax refunds to which she and the entities in whose names the returns were submitted were not entitled;
- 3. It was part of the scheme that MARRELL would file and cause the filing of 122 false and fictitious Forms 1041 (Income Tax Returns for Estates and Trusts), both by mail and by wire transmission, seeking \$13,690,341 in bogus, purported "refunds" from the I.R.S. to which neither she, the entities in whose names the returns were submitted, nor any of her accomplices were entitled;

- 4. It was also part of the scheme that these 122 Forms 1041 contained various false and material assertions of fact, most notably that the I.R.S. had withheld large amounts of income tax from the trusts purportedly filing the returns and that those trusts were therefore entitled to large refunds when, in fact, the I.R.S. had withheld nothing from these trusts and MARRELL, her accomplices and the trusts were entitled to no refunds of any kind;
- 5. It was also part of the scheme that MARRELL would request that certain refunds be sent by mail, or be directly electronically wired from the I.R.S. into various bank accounts created and controlled by MARRELL and her accomplices, causing either the use of the United States mail or the transfer of signals in interstate commerce;
- 6. It was further part of the scheme that MARRELL obtained \$5,539,049 from the I.R.S. through the method described above, which she would convert to her own use and distribute to various accomplices;
- 7. It was also part of the scheme that MARRELL would file and cause the filing of false and fictitious state income tax forms in the names of various estates and trusts in various states, including Minnesota,

 Georgia, Maryland, Arizona, and Colorado, claiming at least \$14,730,365

in tax refunds to which she and the entities in whose names the returns were submitted were not entitled because those states had never collected any taxes from MARRELL or the entities whose names she used, contrary to express material false statements contained in the income tax returns;

- 8. It was also part of the scheme that MARRELL obtained at least \$5,697,351 from the states of Minnesota, Georgia, Maryland, Arizona and Colorado based on false and fraudulent income tax returns filed there;
- 9. On or about August 12, 2017, in the Eastern District of Michigan, MARRELL, for the purpose of executing the above-described scheme, knowingly caused an item to be delivered by the United States Postal Service according to the direction thereon, more specifically, an envelope containing a false 2016 Form 1041 trust tax return in the name of "Lucid Event Promotions Trust" addressed to the I.R.S., which requested a fictious "refund" from the I.R.S. in the amount of \$1,780,114.00, all in violation of Section 1341 of Title 18 of the United States Code

COUNT TWO D-1 Sameerah Marrell (18.S.C. § 1343: Wire Fraud)

10. Paragraphs One through Eight of Count One are included in this count;

11. On or about April 20, 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan, MARRELL, for the purpose of executing the above-described scheme, caused the interstate transmission of signals, specifically, the electronic filing of a false 2021 Form 501 in the name of "TODDS CLEANING CO TRUST" with the state of Georgia, all in violation of Section 1343 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

COUNT THREE D-1 Sameerah Marrell (18 U.S.C. § 3147: Committing an Offense While on Bond)

- 12. Paragraphs One through Eleven are included in this Count;
- 13. MARRELL was on release pursuant to an order dated May 12, 2021 from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Case No. 20-mj-30432, which order notified MARRELL of the potential effect of committing an offense while on pretrial release;
- 14. On or about April 20, 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere, while she was under supervision pursuant to the order described in the paragraph immediately above, MARRELL committed the offense of wire fraud as more fully described in Count Two above,

all in violation of Sections 1343 and 3147(1) of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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